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FOR ARA ASST SECRETARY ROGERS AND S/NM AMB VANCE FROM AMB HILL

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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF NARCOTICS FUGITIVES FROM ARGENTINA

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1. THE MESSAGE UNDER REFERENCE REPORTS THE RESULTS OF MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR, GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY. IT NOW SEEMS LIKELY THAT WE WILL OBTAIN JURISDICTION OVER THREE MAJOR NON-ARGENTINE NARCOTICS FUGITIVES WITHIN ABOUT 10 DAYS.

2. I AM PLEASED THAT THE GOA HAS BEEN SO RESPONSIVE TO OUR REQUESTS IN AN AREA WHICH THEY REALIZE CAN BE SOMEWHAT DELICATE. I BELIEVE, AND MY STAFF SHARES THIS BELIEF, THAT IF THE EXPULSION OF THE FIRST THREE NON-ARGENTINES IS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT-BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY--WE MAY EXPECT FURTHER EXPULSIONS AND POSSIBLY EVEN EXTRADITION OF ARGENTINE FUGITIVES.

3. BECAUSE THERE IS THE PROSPECT OF EVEN GREATER SUCCESS ON THE HORIZON, I WISH TO EMPHASIZE TO YOU THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THE USG HANDLES AND PUBLICIZES THESE EXPULSIONS. CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THIS ASPECT OF THE

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MATTER CAN PRODUCE MAJOR DIVIDENDS.

4. AT THIS POINT WE BELIEVE THAT THE ARGENTINES WANT AMPLE RECOGNITION OF THEIR RESPONSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO SUPPRESS ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS. THEY DO NOT WANT ANY PUBLICITY OF THE US INITIATIVE IN THIS EXPULSION; THEY WANT NO FLASHY PUBLICITY ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE INDIVIDUALS EXPULSION. THEY WANT NO IMPLICATIONS THAT THE EXPULSIONS RESULTED FROM U.S. PRESSURE. THEY WILL PUBLICIZE EXPULSION AS A THOUGHTFUL ACT OF SOVEREIGNTY, AND GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY TOLD ME THAT HE HOPED ANY US PUBLICITY ON THE EXPULSIONS WOULD FOLLOW THE RATIONALE AND LANGUAGE OF THE ARGENTINE EXPULSION DECREES, COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED THE EMBASSY BEFORE THE EXPULSIONS. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE OUR PUBLICITY SHOULD ACCOMMODATE THE GOA WISHES. I ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS FIRST PHASE, LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GENERAL VIDELA AND FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY BE PREPARED AND SENT TO THIS EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY.

5. THIS BEGINNING AUGURES WELL FOR COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT WITH THIS GOVERNMENT. THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE AND THIS EMBASSY IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE OUTSTANDING OFFICERS AS THE DEA SAIC AND LEGATT TO CARRY OUT THE EFFORT. THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT IN RECOGNIZING THE GOA'S INITIAL STEPS WILL BE A MAJOR ELEMENT IN MOVING AHEAD.
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